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In re Application of:
Charles M. CHAFER
Application No. 09/811,541
Filed: March 20, 2001
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION IN SPACE MISSIONS

DECISION ON REQUEST TO
WITHDRAW AS ATTORNEY
OR AGENT

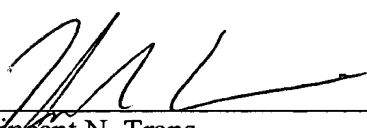
This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw from Representation filed August 26, 2004.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney of record should indicate thereon the present mailing addresses of the attorney(s) who is/are withdrawing from the record and of the applicant. The request for withdrawal must be signed by every attorney seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. A request to withdraw will not be approved unless at least 30 (thirty) days would remain between the date of approval and the later of the expiration date of a time to file a response or the expiration date of the maximum time period which can be extended under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). The effective date of withdrawal being the date of decision and not the date of request. See M.P.E.P. § 402.06. 37 C.F.R. § 1.36 further requires that the applicant or patent owner be notified of the withdrawal of the attorney or agent.

A review of the file reveals that a non-final Office Action was mailed on April 28, 2004. Therefore, the time for response, including the maximum extendable period, to the Office action mailed April 28, 2004, continues to run until October 28, 2004. Thus, as of the mailing of this decision, less than thirty days remain in the period for response to the Office action.

Accordingly, the request is **DENIED**.

Further communications will continue to be addressed to the address above.



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